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Sir:

Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the references below, also listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. This application is a divisional and relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application USSN 08/477,329, filed on June 7, 1995; which is a continuation of USSN 08/180,195, filed January 11, 1994, issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,567,584; which is a file wrapper continuation of USSN 07/634,510, filed December 27, 1990; which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 07/347,291, filed May 2, 1989, issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,155,027; which is a

continuation-in-part of USSN 07/146,877, filed January 22, 1988, now abandoned. The references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 were submitted to and/or cited by the Office in these prior applications and, therefore, are not required to be provided in the present application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(d).

The following U.S. Patents are set forth below:

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It is respectfully requested that the cited
 information be expressly considered during the prosecution of
 this application, and the references be made of record therein
 and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue
 therefrom.

Applicants believe that their invention as claimed
 is patentable over the above references taken alone or in any
 combination. However, Applicants reserve the right to
 demonstrate that their claimed invention was made prior to any

one or more of the above-identified references. No inference should be drawn as to the pertinence of the references based on the order in which they are presented.

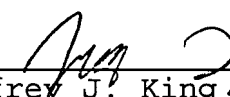
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the foregoing references to make her own determination of the patentability of the present invention and that the references be made of record in the file of this application.

Although no fee is believed to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessitated by this transmittal to Townsend and Townsend Deposit Account No. 20-1430.

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